



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

PSY3010 Forensic Psychology
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Explore the history and development of forensic psychology.
 - a. Examine key figures related to forensic psychology.
2. Analyze the origins of criminal behavior.
 - a. Explore key theories and research related to forensic psychology.
 - b. Identify different types of criminal behavior.
 - c. Explore the biopsychosocial factors related to forensic psychology.
 - d. Analyze the sociocultural factors related to criminal behavior.
3. Explore ethical issues and cultural concerns associated with forensic psychology.
 - a. Examine ethical requirements for forensic psychology including duty to warn and mandated reporters.
 - b. Discuss ethical challenges in the field of forensic psychology including confidentiality and suspected abuse/neglect/maltreatment.
 - c. Explore cultural concerns associated with forensic psychology, the criminal justice system, and the familial legal system.
4. Explore the different forensic psychology specialties and career paths.
 - a. Explore primary job duties and educational/licensure requirements for different careers and professionals related to forensic psychology.
 - b. Explore the impact of working in the forensic psychology field on the professional.
 - c. Examine jury consultation and characteristics.
 - d. Examine court ordered evaluations, including:
 - i. competency to stand trial
 - ii. insanity or mental health defense
 - iii. child custody evaluations
 - iv. maltreatment evaluations
 - e. Explore eyewitness testimony, profiling, and confessions.
 - f. Explore different types of criminal investigations.
 - g. Explore characteristics relevant to victimization/victimology.

5. Contrast rehabilitation and punishment.
 - a. Explore the impact of long-term incarceration on perpetrators, victims, and families.
 - b. Examine recidivism relative to rehabilitation.
 - c. Examine sociocultural factors with rehabilitation and punishment.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- History and development
- Origins of criminal behavior
- Laws and ethics
- Forensic psychology specialties and career paths
- Rehabilitation vs punishment

Essential Questions

1. How has forensic psychology developed and changed over time?
2. Why does criminal behavior exist?
3. Why are ethical and cultural considerations important in forensic psychology?
4. How are the different specialties and career paths in forensic psychology similar and different?
5. Why is it important to understand the difference between punishment and rehabilitation?

These SLOs are approved for experiential credit.

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